and as such the State requires a comprehensive programme with adequate coverage of all high risk groups in order to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and care of people living with HIV/AIDS in the State. A Statement showing the number of NGOs working for HIV/AIDS programme in the State of Andhra Pradesh and total releases made to them by the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society is as follows :—

Project	No. of NGOs	Year	Releases
Targeted Intervention	96	2001-02	Rs. 5,21,76,127
Targeted Intervention	93	2002-03	Rs. 4,67,72,903
Care & Support Centres & Counselling Drop-in-Centres	4	2001-02	Rs. 36,66,000
Care & Support Centres & Counselling Drop-in-Centres	13	2002-03	Rs. 73,67,000

A list of NGOs funded for targeted Intervention Projects and Care & Support Centres & Counselling Drop-in-Centres is at Annexure, [*See* Appendix 199, Annexure No. 20].

The Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society follows the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) Guidelines for selection of NGOs as well norms laid down for funding and monitoring of NGO activities. The State is using Computerised Management Information System and Programme Finance Management System to ensure regular feedback from the NGOs in respect of diverse parameters for monitoring and evaluation. Additionally, regular visits are made by the officers of Andhra Pradesh SACS. Before the project is given extension and fresh grant released, NGOs are required to submit detailed activity reports and audited statement of expenditure. The accounts of the NGOs funded are also subject to audit by the Comptroller Auditor General of India from time to time.

An independent valuation of 7 randomly selected NGOs who had completed 2 years of targeted intervention project was undertaken by an external agency in the year 2002-03 and the report categorizes the overall performance of the NGOs satisfactory.

Installation of TV transmitters in Orissa

*620. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received for installation of eighteen more low power TV transmitters in Orissa and upgradation of TV transmitters at Sambalpur, Rourkela and Berhampore;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to install required number of transmitters in Orissa in order to ensure 100 per cent coverage of State population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) Requests for upgradation of TV transmitter at Sar. balpur, Rourkela and Berhampore and establishment of additional low power transmitter in Orissa have been received in the past from various quarters.

(b) HPT of 1KW power at Sambalpur has since been upgraded to a 10 KW HPT with a new tower and additional HPT (10KW) for DD2 coverage has also been commissioned at Sambalpur. LPT at Berhampore has been upgraded to an HPT. The LPT and VLPT at Rourkela for DD1 and DD2 coverage respectively are in service, therefore, there is no scheme to upgrade any of these transmitters. At present, 95 transmitters [DD1-84 (HPTs-5, LPTs-61, VLPTs-18) and DD2-11 (HPTs -2, LPTs-7, VLPTs-2)] of varying power are functioning in Orissa.

(c) DD coverage is presently, estimated to be available to about 93.3% population of Orissa. The thrust in Tenth Plan of DDn is to provide TV coverage to uncovered areas of the country with a multi channel bouquet in free to air mode through satellite transmission in Ku-Band.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Growth in Exports

4487. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Economic Survey 2002-03 has emphasized that growth in exports is one of the critical factors for achieving higher economic growth;

(b) whether the Budget proposal for the year 2003-04 envisaged any reliefs/ incentives with a view to strengthening the export efforts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Economic Survey